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Foundations for Synthetic Biology

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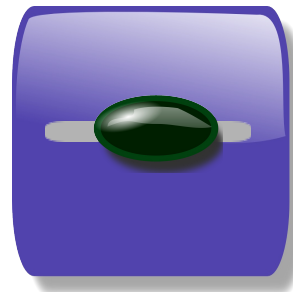
Standards for Functional Composition

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PoPS / RiPS Generators

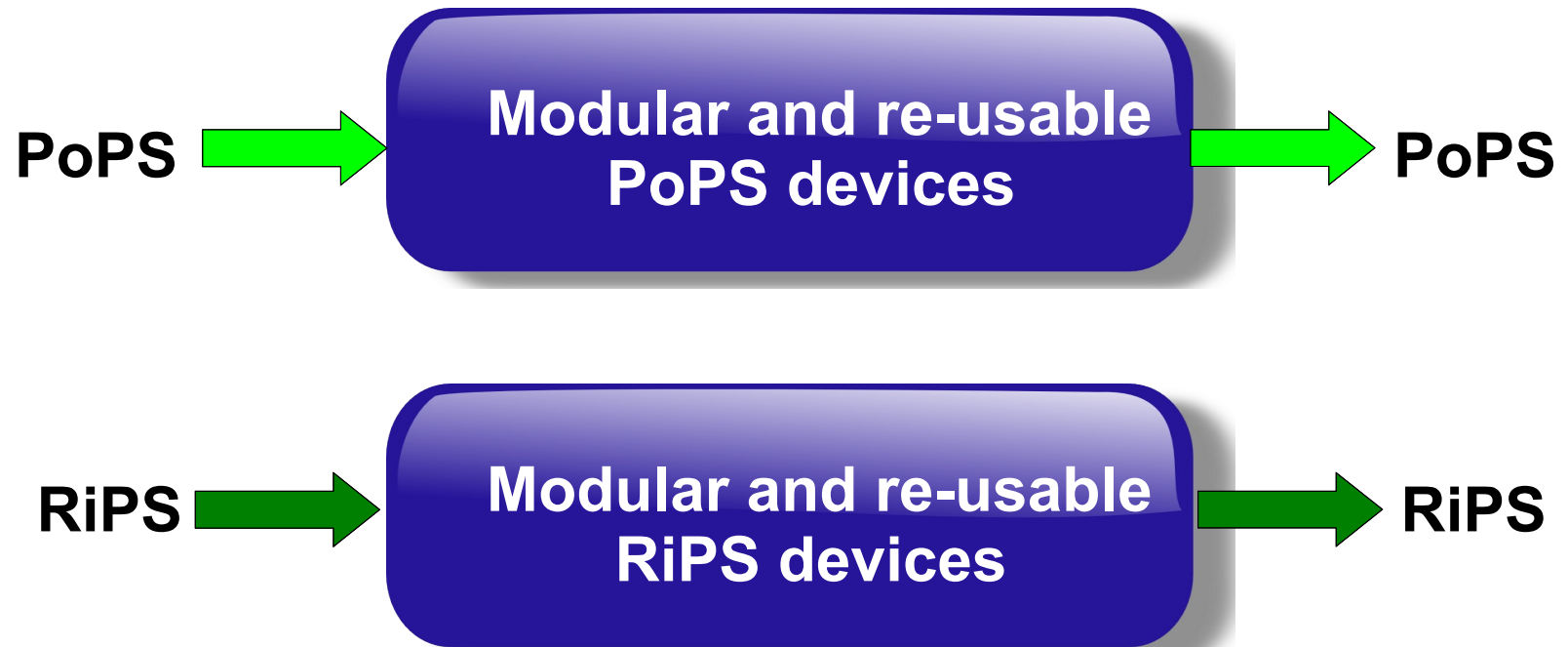


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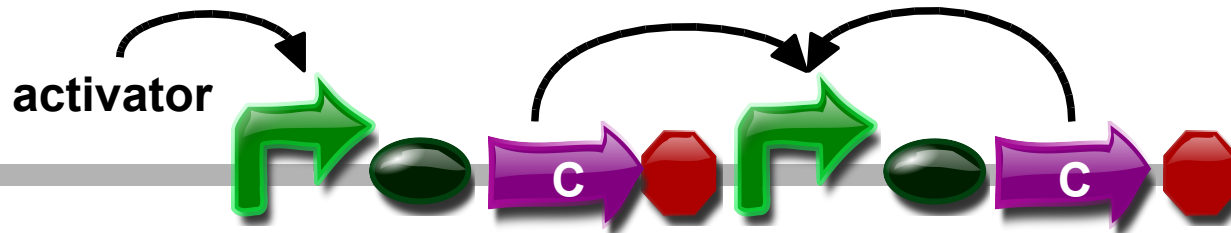


RiPS

PoPS / RiPS Devices



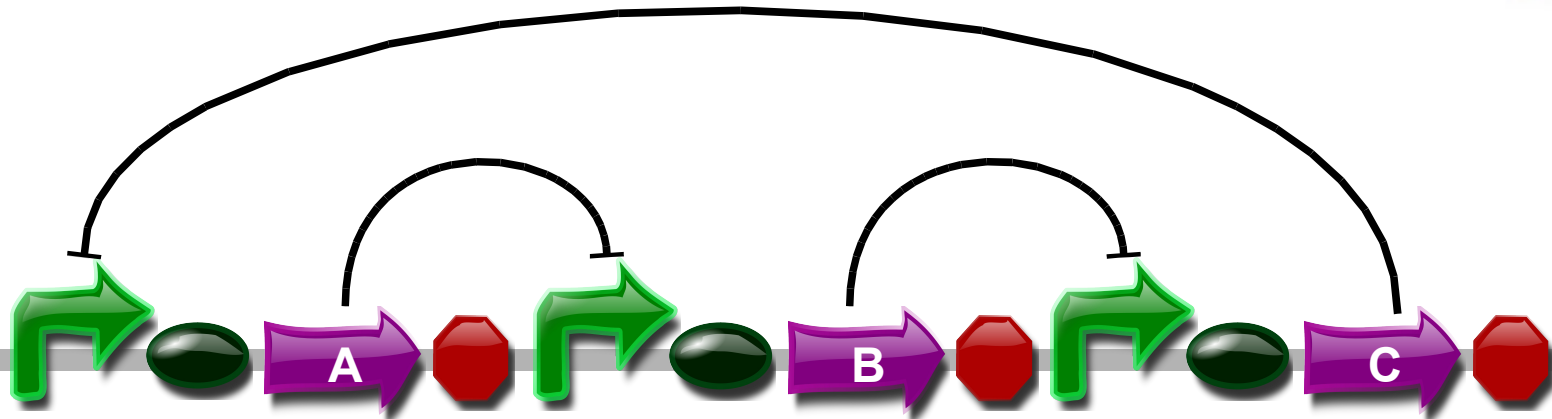
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What does this system do ?

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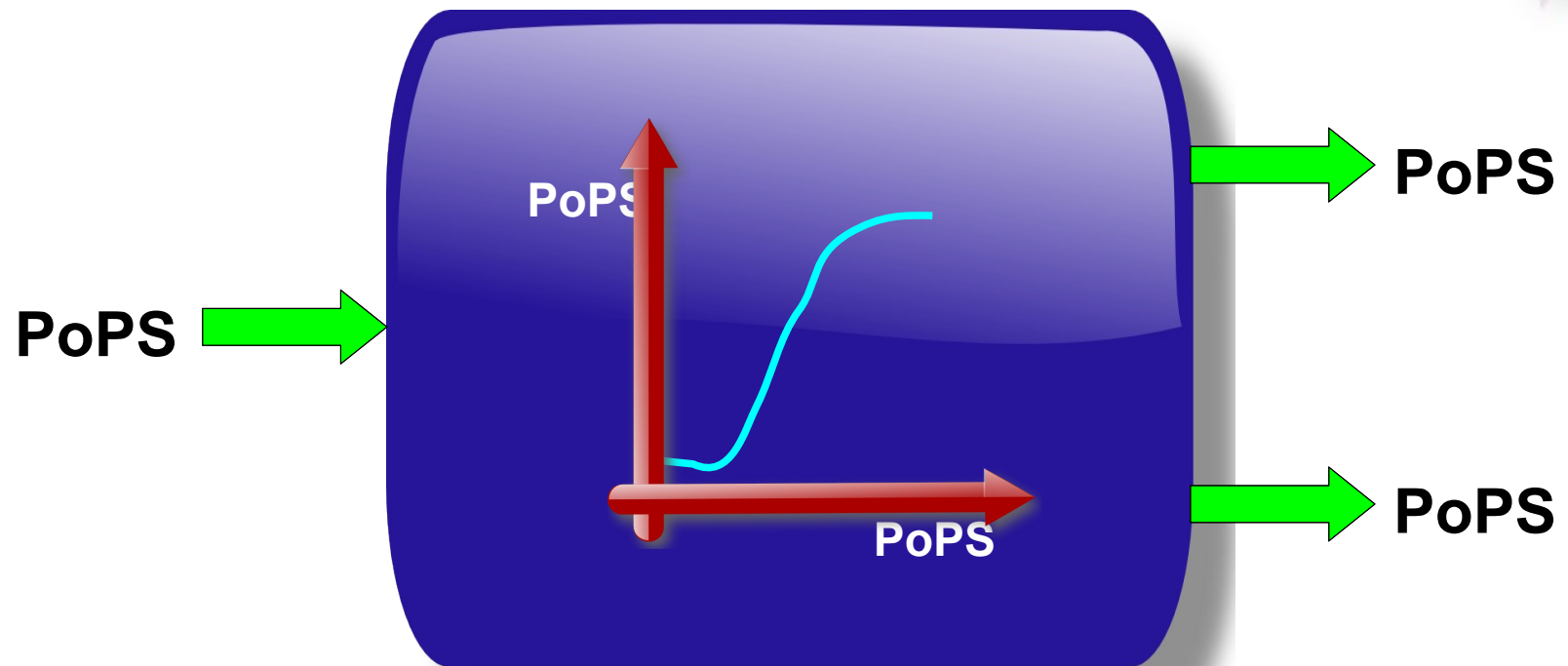


Question 1:
What does this system do ?

Question 2:
Extract 3 modular and re-usable devices from this circuit.

Question 3:
Update the design so this system can be easily plugged
into a larger system

Transcriptional Device



Question:

How to implement this device ?



To Promote Re-usability



**Standard
Inputs**



**Modular
Design**



**Standard
Outputs**



To Promote Re-usability

**Standard
Inputs**

**Modular
Design**

**Standard
Outputs**

+ a great **System
Documentation**



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Characterising Standard Biological Parts

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What is a good Part / Device / System characterisation ?



System



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Characterisation**

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A good Device Characterisation is:

the minimum amount of information someone needs
to **reuse** the part **without any prior knowledge**



What type of info do we expect ?



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Physical Characteristics

Performance Characteristics

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Physical Characteristics

- Background info
- Sequencing certificate
- Sequence analysis
- ...

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Performance Characteristics

- Functional description
- Performance measurements
- Environmental conditions used during testing
- ...

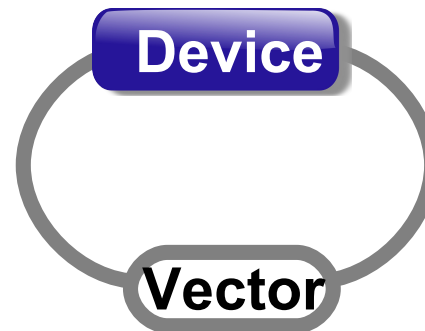


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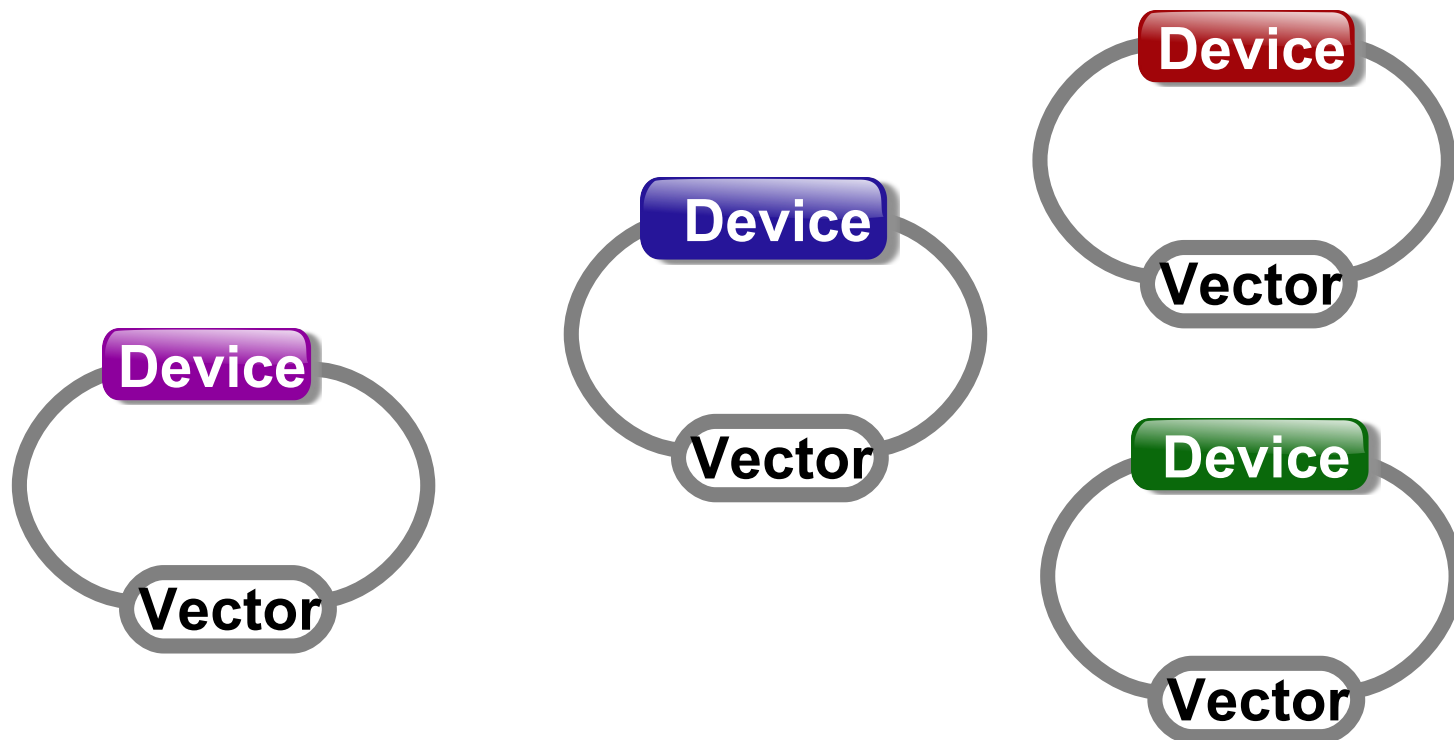


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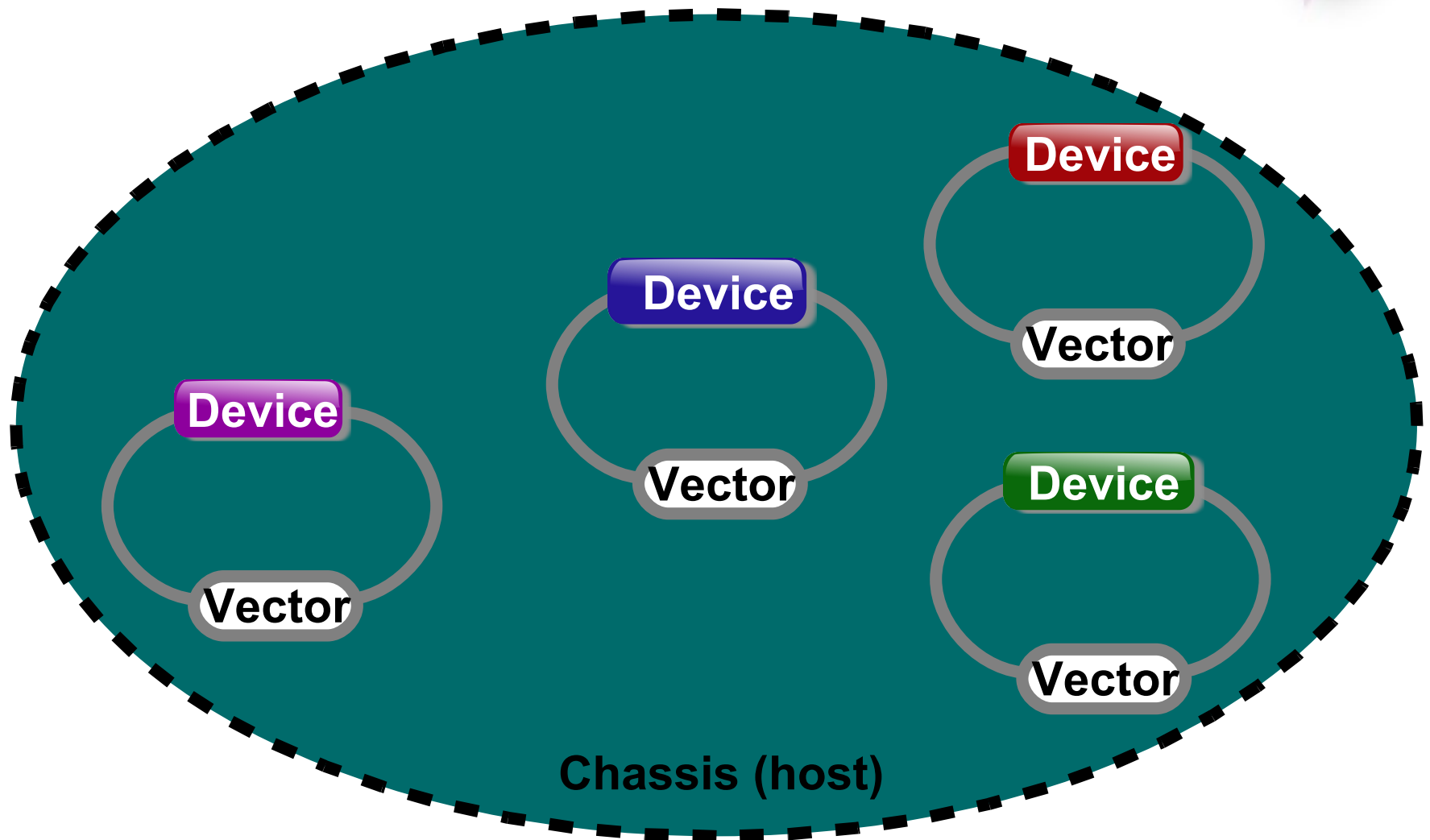
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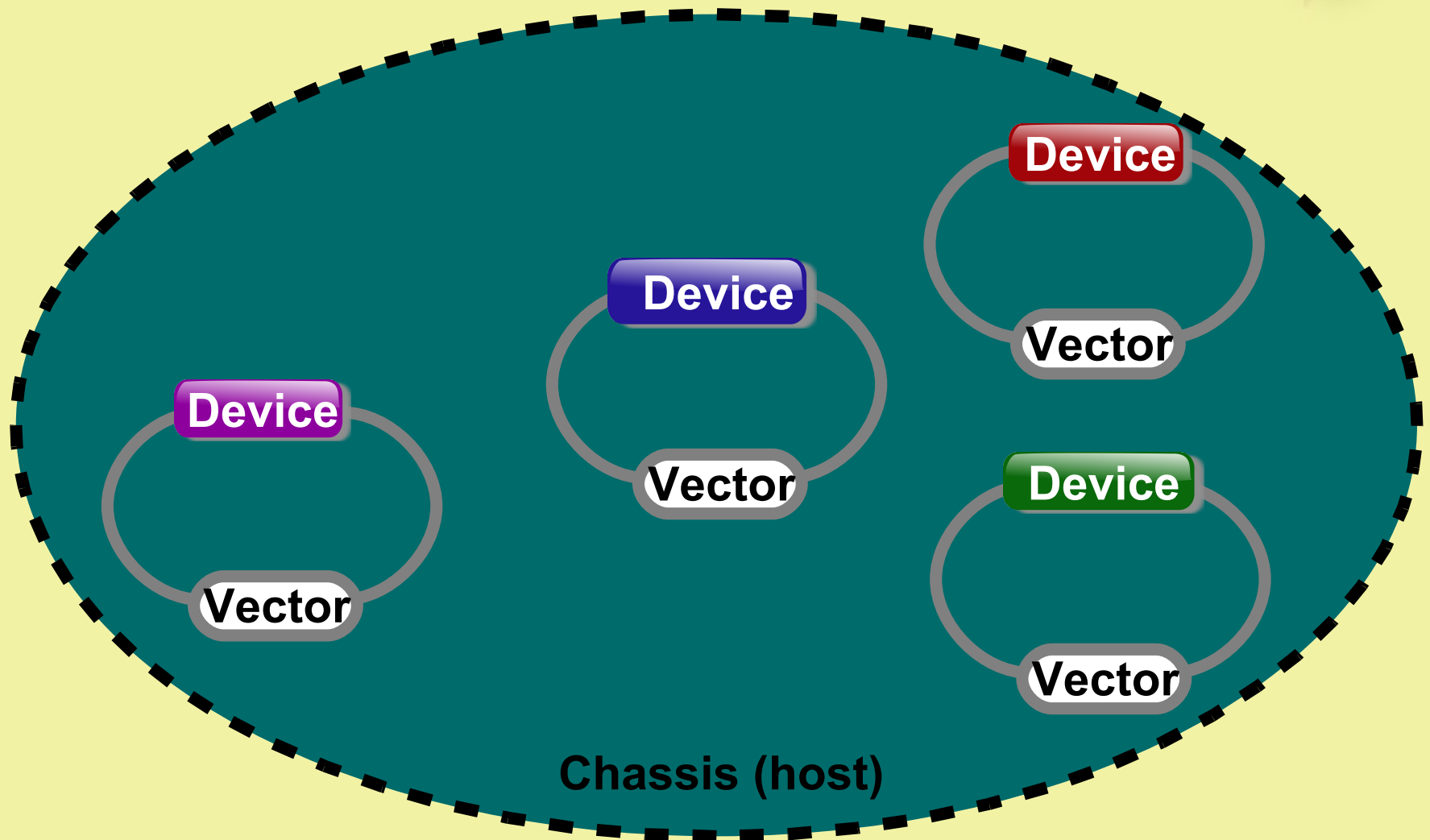
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Environmental Conditions



Functional Properties Dependencies

Too high level of complexity

To obtain a reliable and reproducible characterisation we need to standardise the way we are probing the system

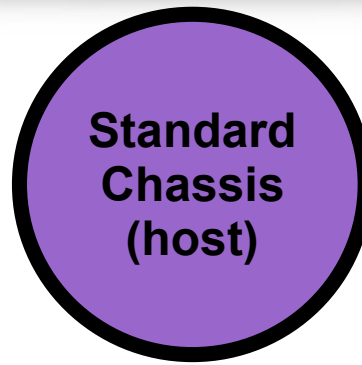
Environmental Con



Characterisation and Standards



**Standard
Conditions**



**Standard
Chassis
(host)**



Characterisation



**Standard
Measurement**

Characterisation and Standards

- Media
- Temperature
- Cell Density (OD600)
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**E.Coli (strain ?)
Yeast
Cell-Free System
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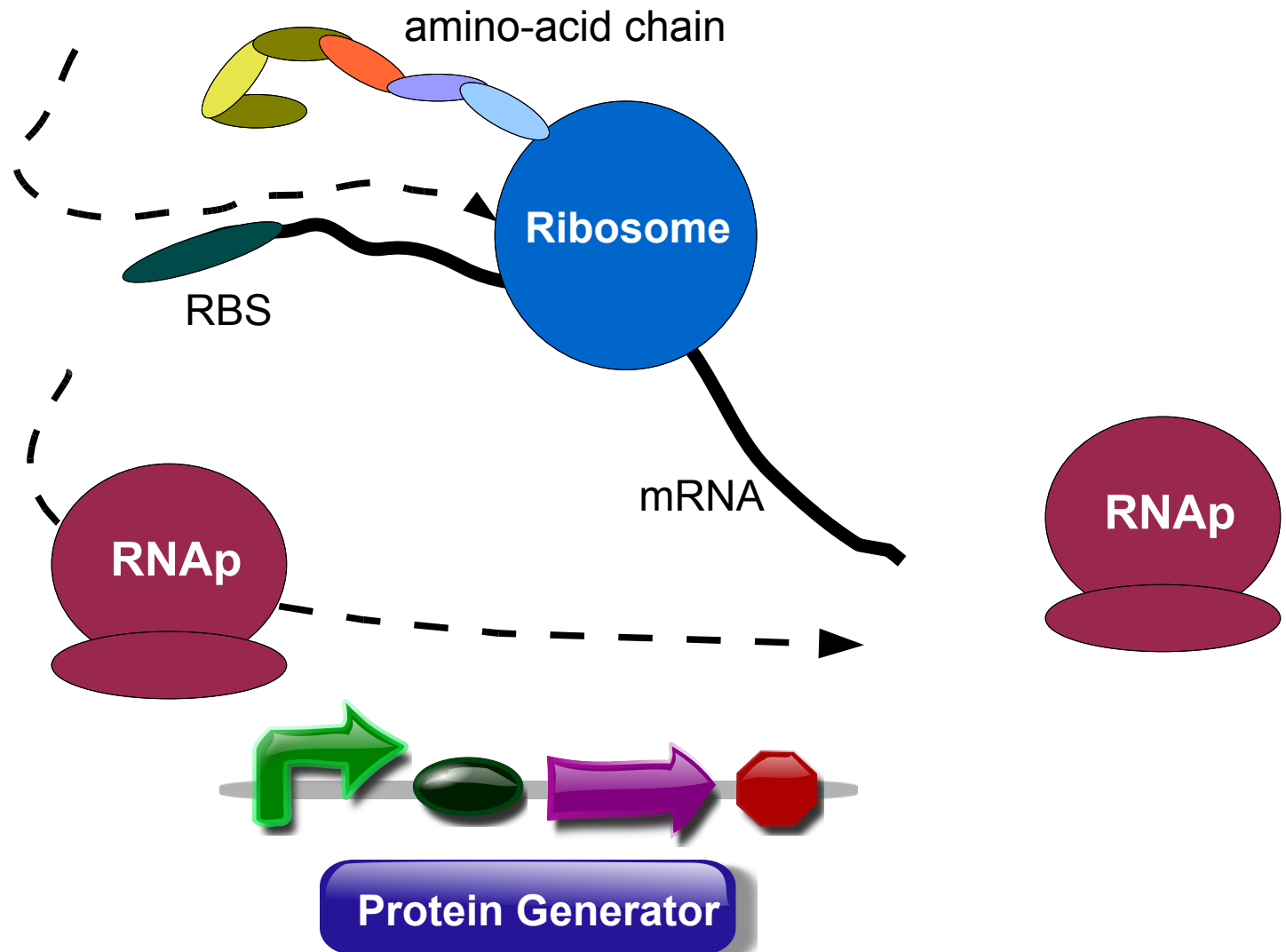
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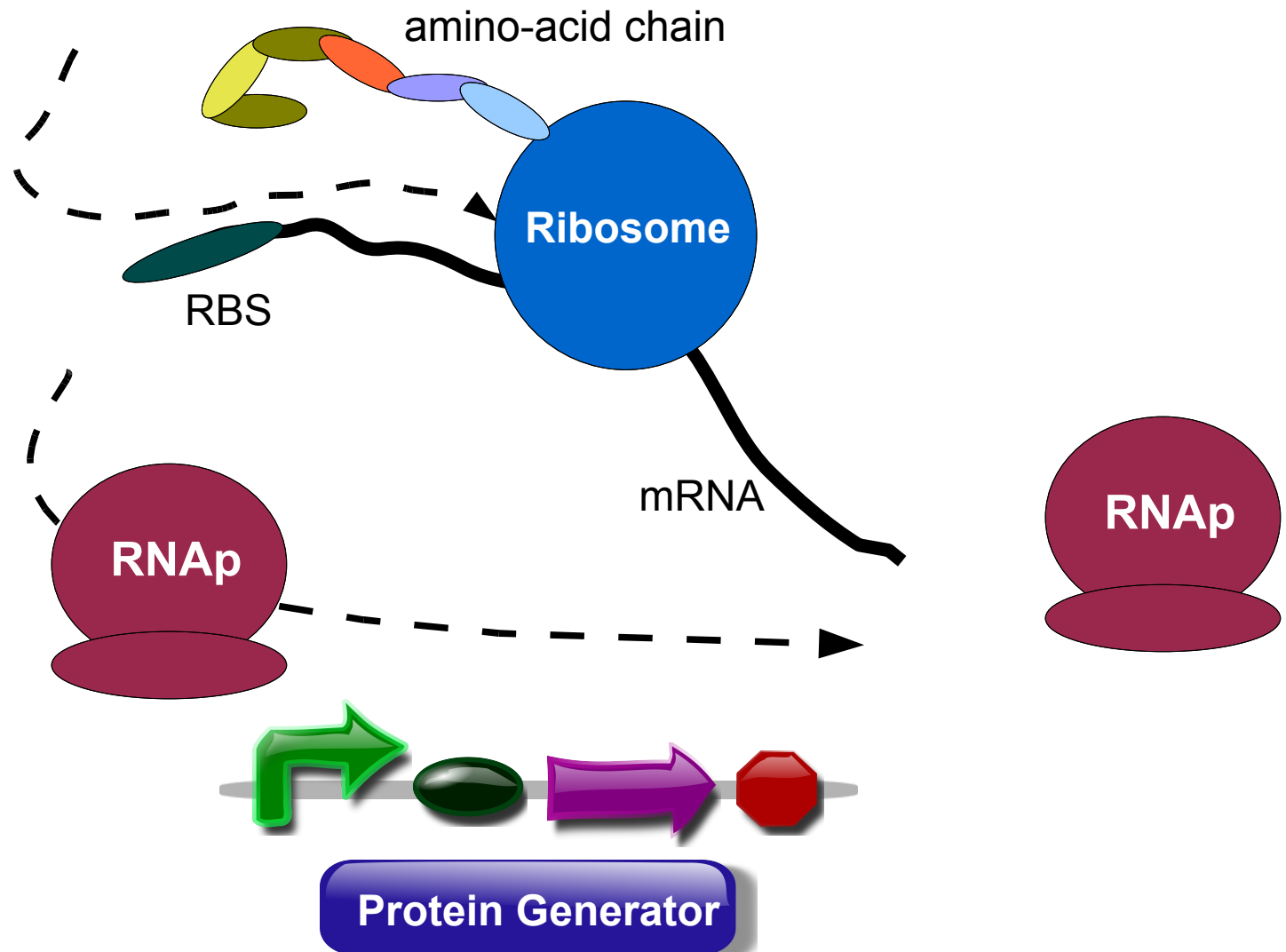
**Standard
Measurement**

Calibration

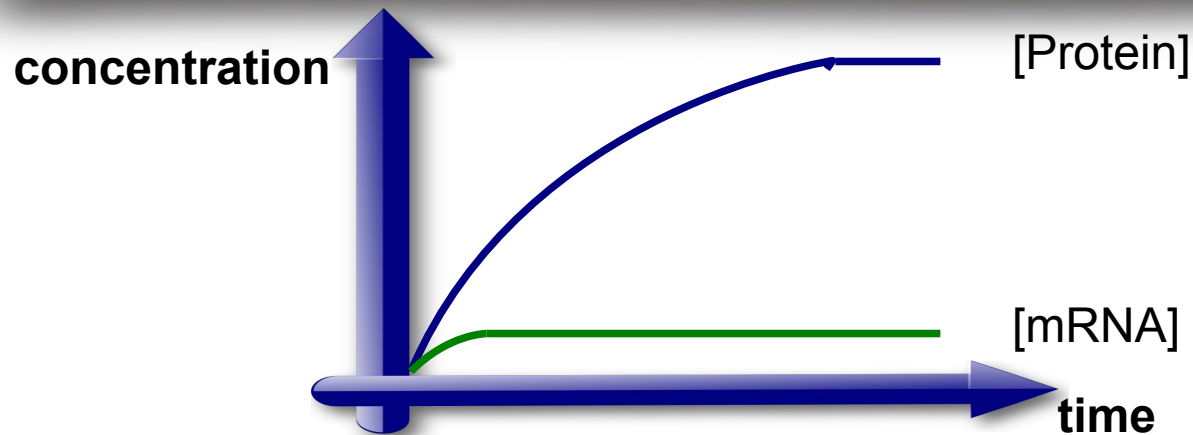
How do you measure PoPS ?



How do you measure RiPS ?

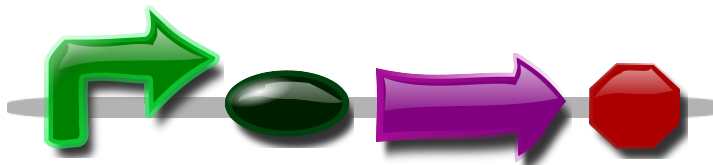


Indirect Measurement



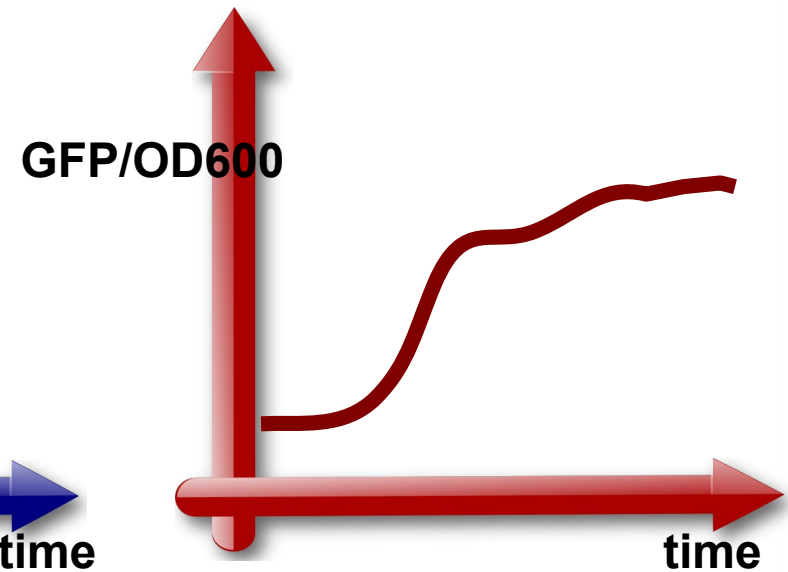
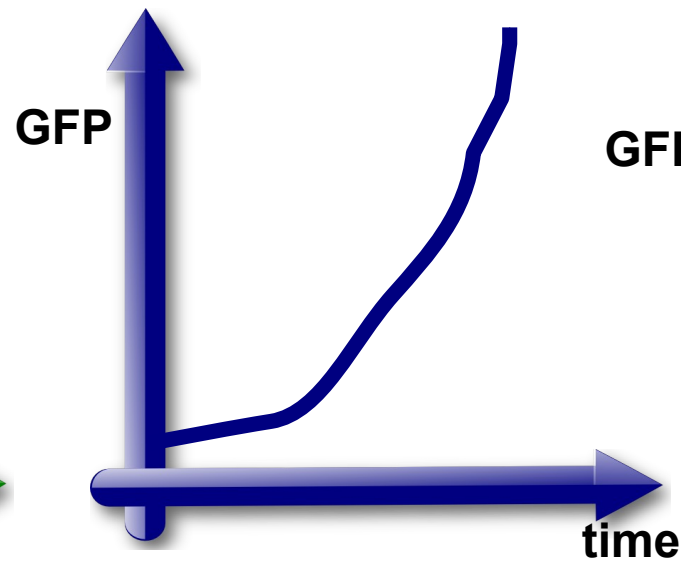
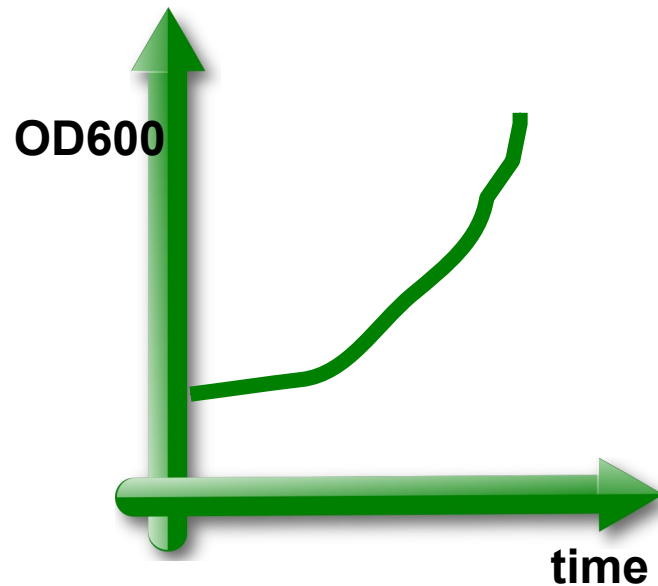
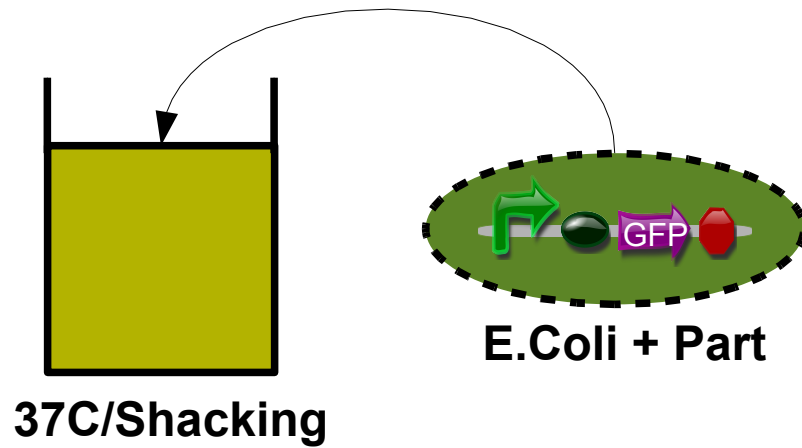
$$\frac{d[\text{mRNA}]}{dt} = k_1 - d_1[\text{mRNA}]$$

$$\frac{d[\text{Protein}]}{dt} = k_2 \cdot [\text{mRNA}] - d_2[\text{Protein}]$$



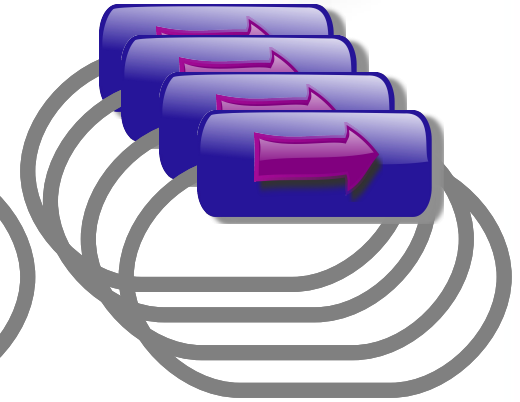
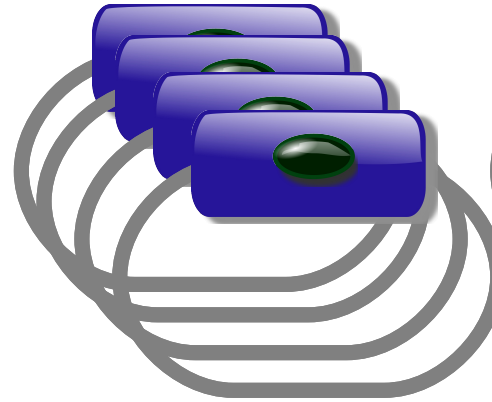
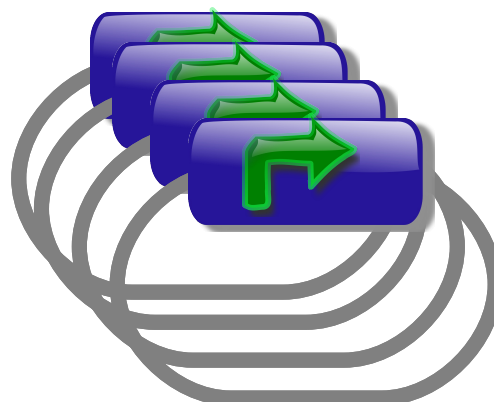
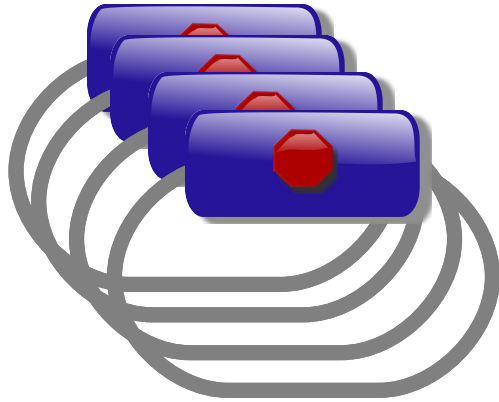
Protein Generator

GFP Measurement





Measurement Kit



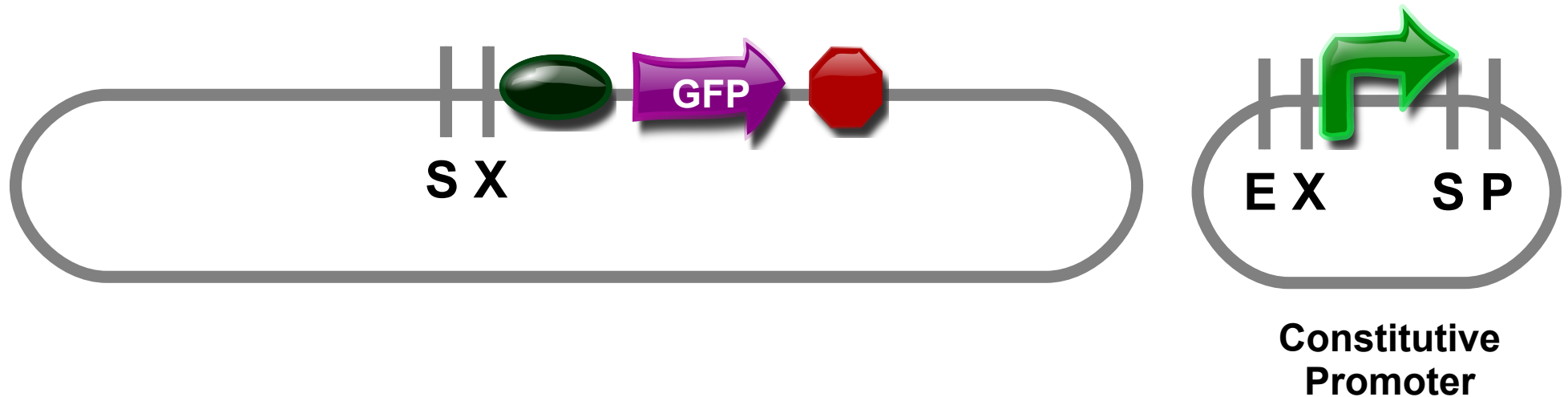
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Measurement Kit



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Promoter Screening Plasmid

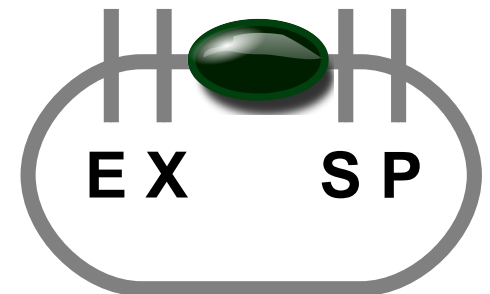
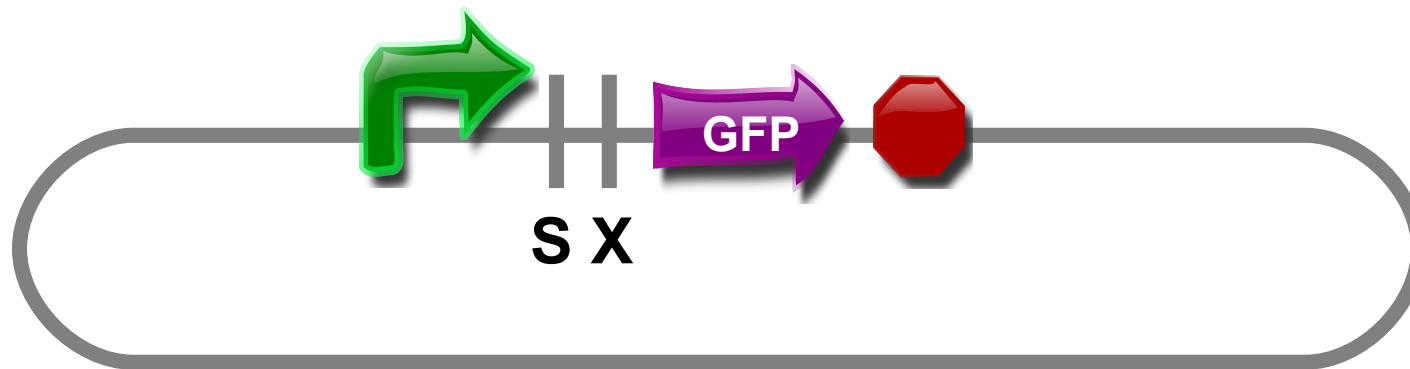


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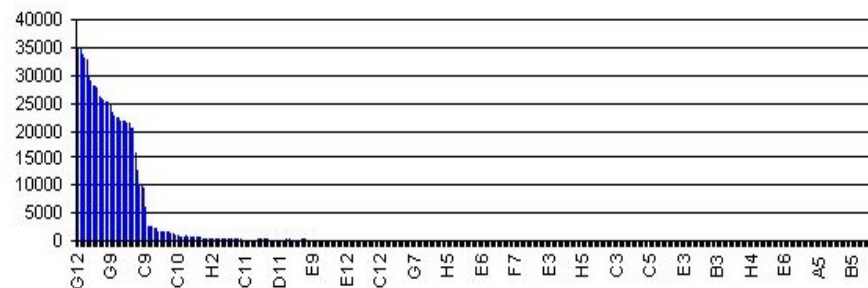


Measurement Kit

RBS Screening Plasmid



Characterization of the Ribosome Binding Site Library

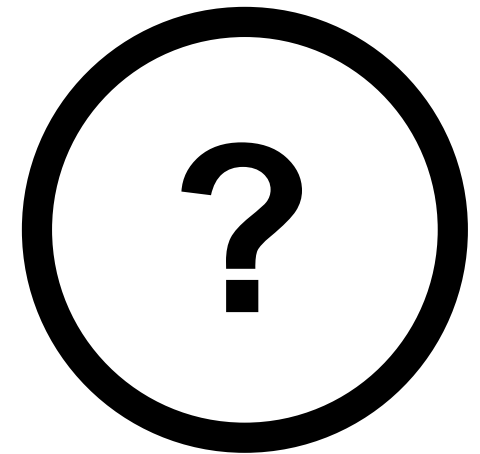


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Ribosome
Binding Site

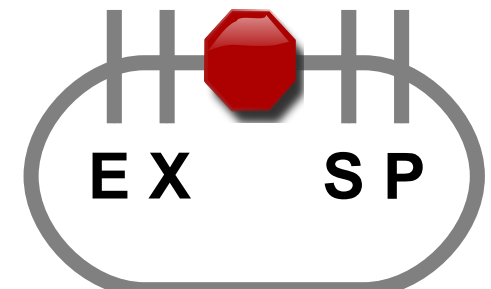
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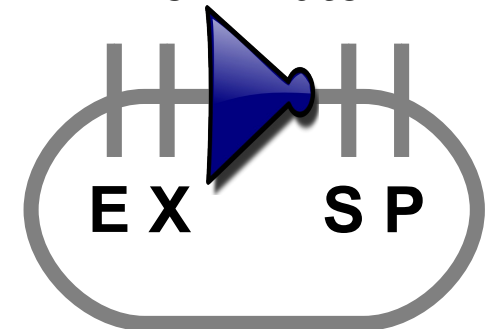


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Terminator / Inverter Screening Plasmid



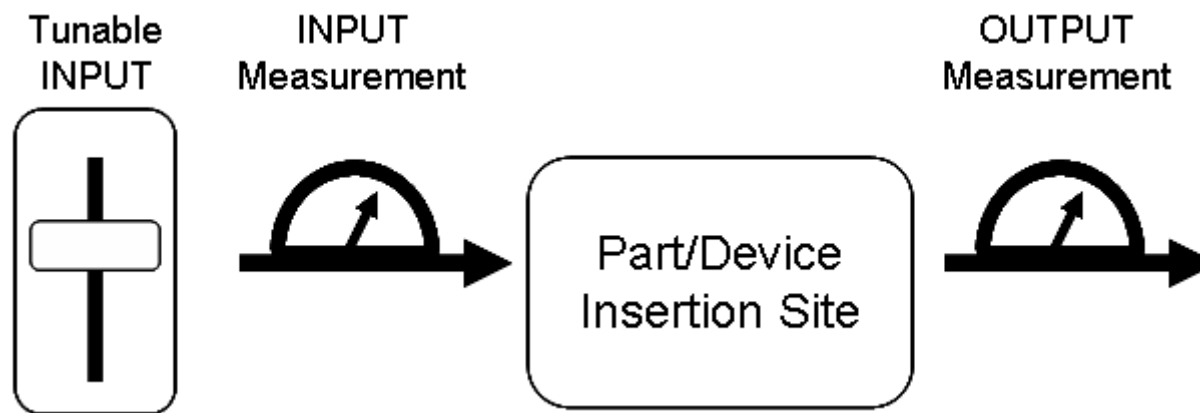
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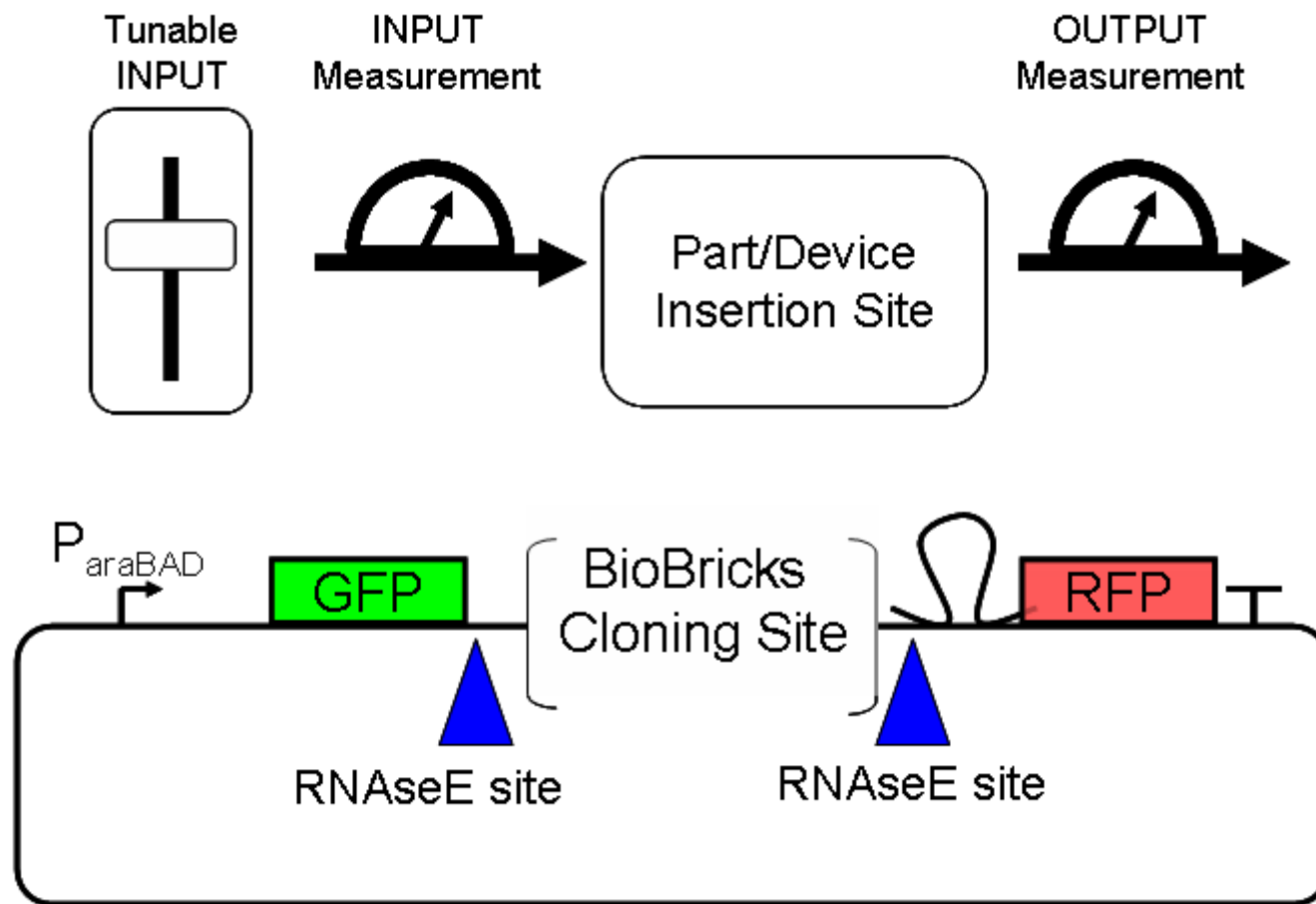
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PoPS based Screening Plasmid



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BBa_F2620

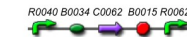
3OC₆HSL → PoPS Receiver

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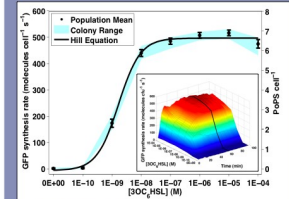
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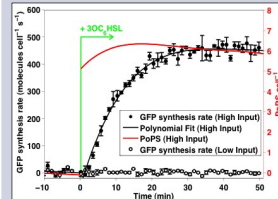
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Transfer Function*



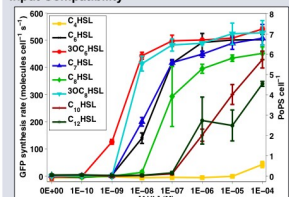
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 $K = 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M } 3\text{OC}_6\text{HSL}$
 $n = 1.2$
 $P_{out} = P_{max} \frac{[3\text{OC}_6\text{HSL}]^n}{K^n + [3\text{OC}_6\text{HSL}]^n}$

Response Time*



BBa_F2620 Response Time: <1 min
(PoPS calculated from polynomial fit to GFP synthesis rate data. High/Low input = $1 \times 10^{-7}/10 \text{ M } 3\text{OC}_6\text{HSL}$)

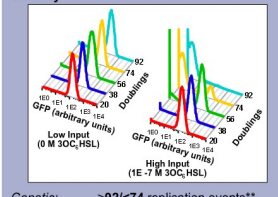
Input Compatibility*



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Crosstalk with systems containing C0040

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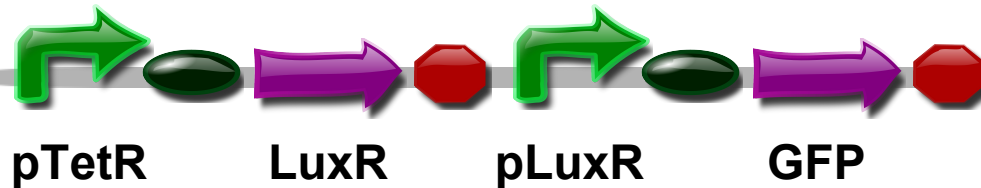


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Conditions (abridged)

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Culture: Supplemented M9, 37°C
Vector: pSB3K3
Chassis: MG1655
*Equipment: PE Victor3 plate reader
**Equipment: BD FACScan cytometer

Signaling Devices



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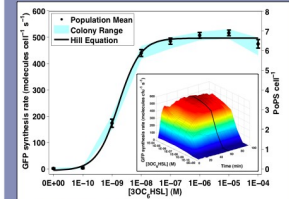
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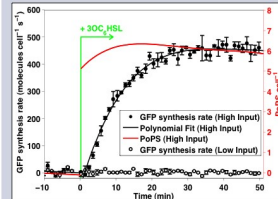
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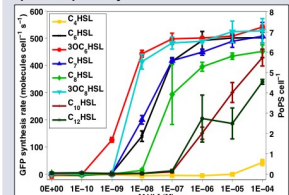
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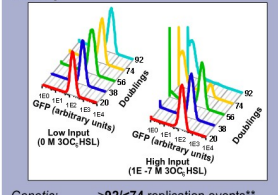
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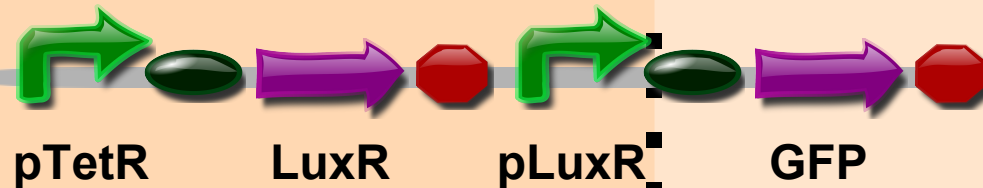
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F2620: Description

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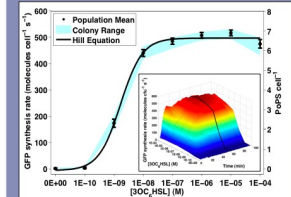
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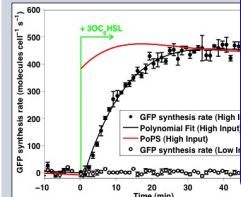
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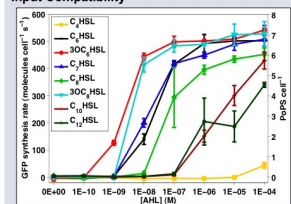
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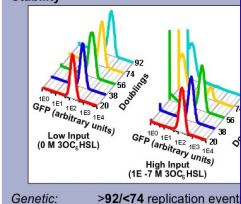
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F2620: Transfer Function

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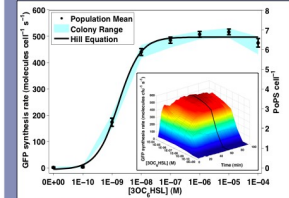
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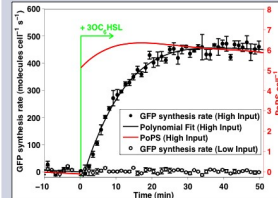
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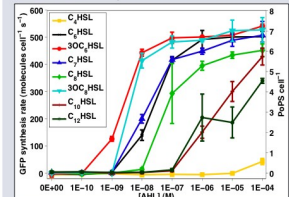
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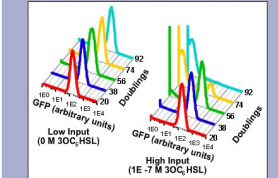
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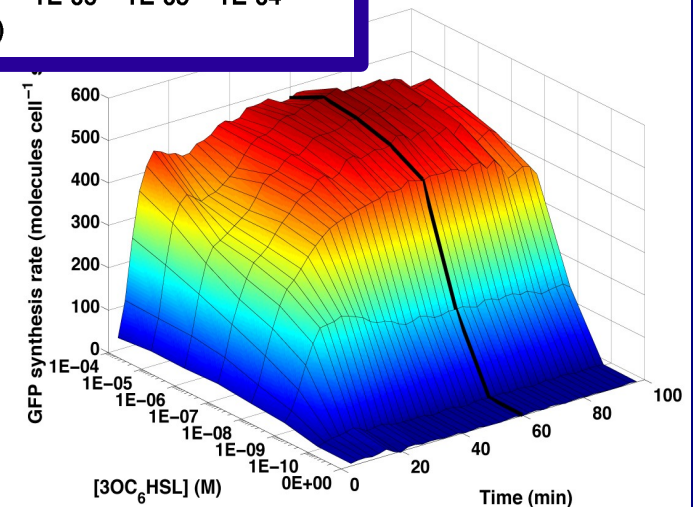
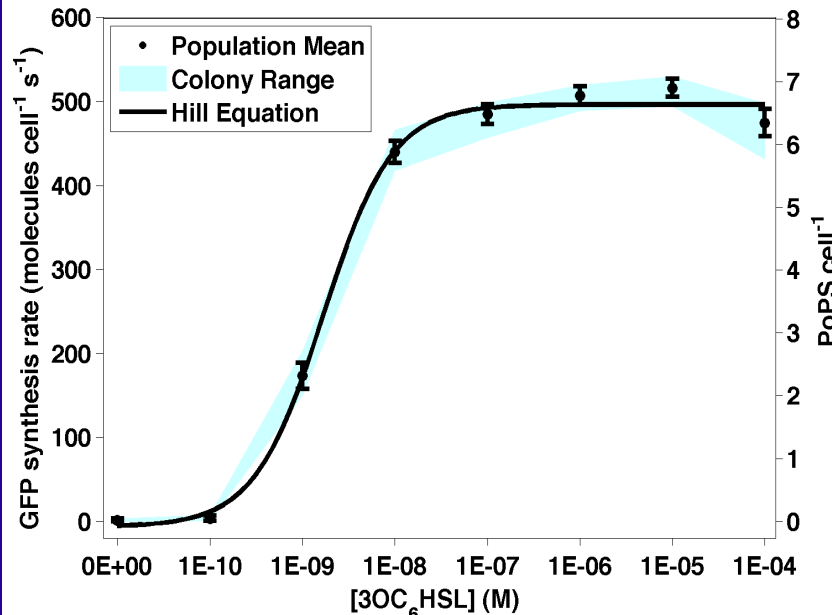
Conditions (abridged)

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F2620: Specificity

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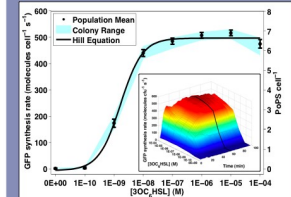
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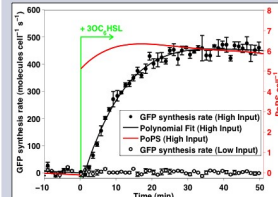
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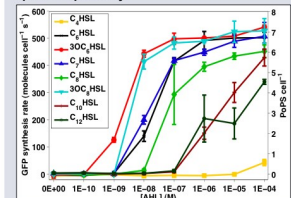
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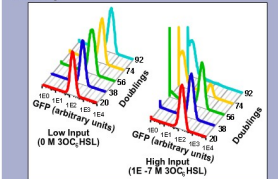
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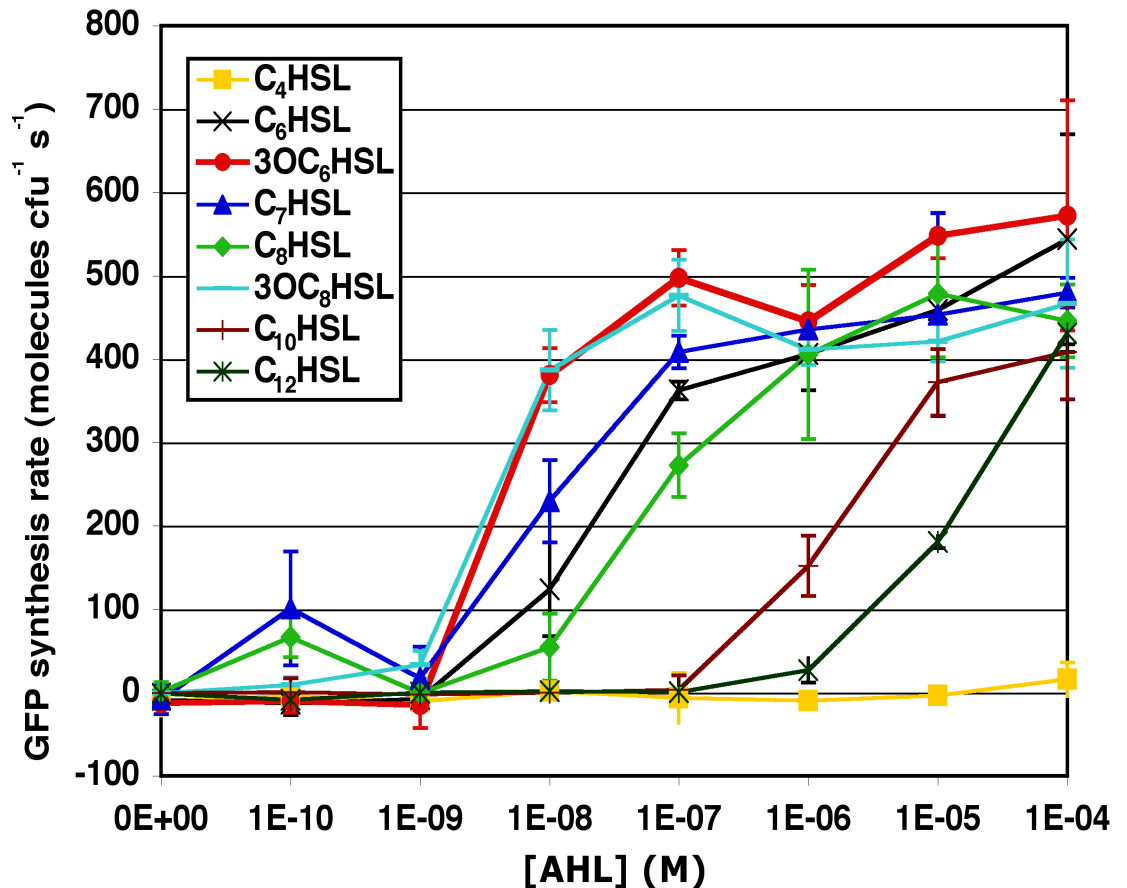
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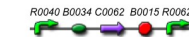
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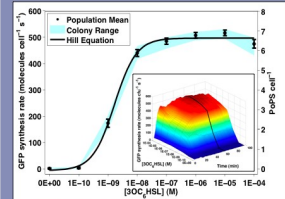
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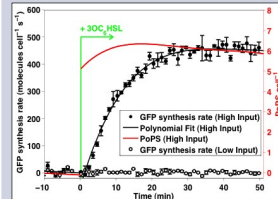
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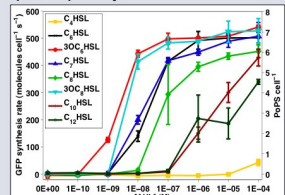
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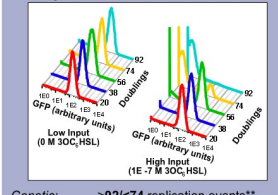
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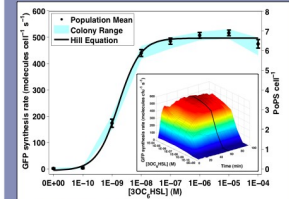
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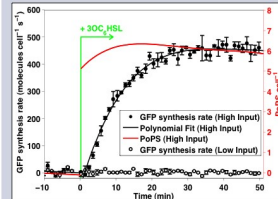
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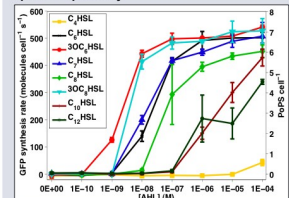
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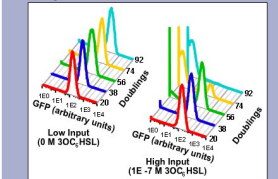
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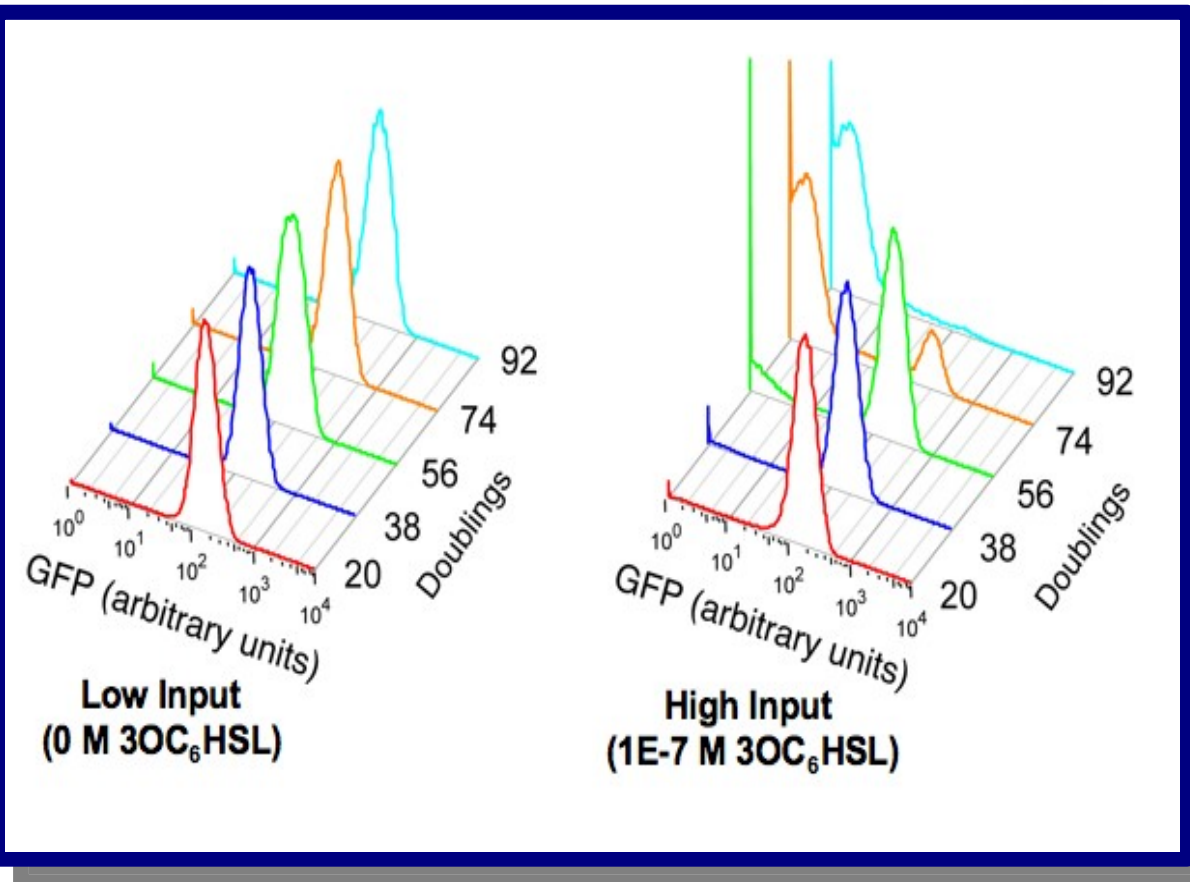


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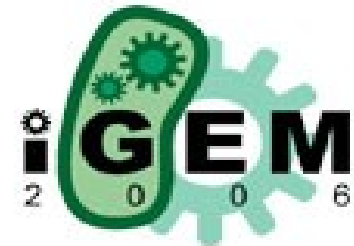
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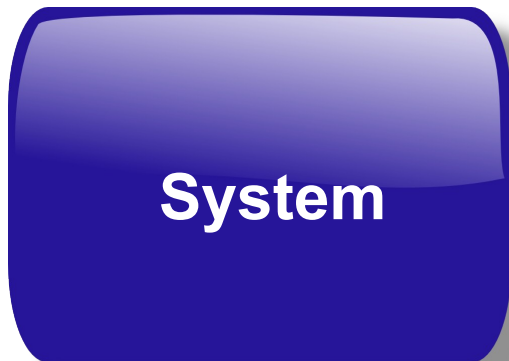
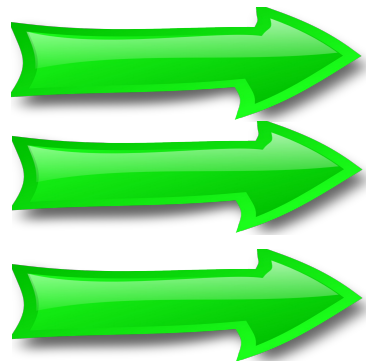


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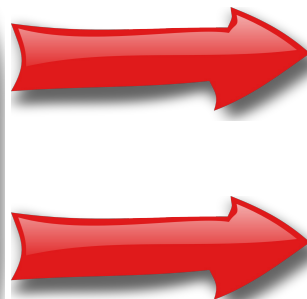


Measurement

Inputs



Outputs



Observations

